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***Please DIRECT ALL ICPC requests or correspondence to Lynn Lehr, DCA or Brenda Kritz, ICPC Specialists.**

WI ICPC Caseload is divided alphabetically by the last name of the child (ren) concerned. For cases with multiple last names, use the name of the youngest child.

A thru L & Newborn Adoptions

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FAX: (608) 266-5144

GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. Section 48.988 and 48.989, Wisconsin Statutes.

Statutory Penalties. Do not apply directly to ICPC Article IV, however, a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for up to one year, or both, may be imposed for receiving a child into placement without an appropriate license (48.76 Wis. Stats.).

Age of Majority. 18 years (48.02 (1) and (2) Wis. Stats., but certain court orders retain jurisdiction for up to one year from date of order (48.355 (4) Wis. Stats.).

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Court Jurisdiction. Jurisdiction over all children's matters is to be circuit court branch assigned jurisdiction over Chapter 48, Wisconsin Statutes. However, other courts may exercise habeas corpus jurisdiction or custody orders incident to another action (753.03, 782.01, 48.14, 48.15, Wis. Stats.).

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Verbal Approval. Wisconsin will consider verbal approval (e.g. communication via telephone at the time the 100A is being signed) to placements proposed into Wisconsin only when the 100A and required documentation is received by the ICPC administrator or ICPC designee.

Title XIX. All 100A requests coming to or from Wisconsin shall designate Title IV-E eligibility status and shall have at least one document which verifies eligibility for federal Title IV-E funding for medical assistance if the case is represented as eligible. Cases without documentation will be delayed until receipt of this information.

Custody Investigations. Requests for divorce/custody investigations may be directed to the county department of human or social services, if known, or sent to the ICPC office for assignment to the local agency. In some cases, due to caseload situations, such studies cannot be processed in a timely fashion by the county agency. The ICPC Office can recommend alternate licensed agencies to perform the investigation and will advise whether a fee will be required for this service. A court order or written agency request for the investigation must be a part of the referral package.

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Quarterly progress reports for Parental, Relative, Foster and Residential placements, via ICPC office. Required from the guardian at the end of the first six months after TPR and annually thereafter (48.427 (5) (b)). Annual reports are required for extension of court disposition orders (48.365, Wis. Stats.). Other reports may be required by the Department of Health and Family Services (48.59 (2) Wis. Stats.).

Licensing Requirements. Required for day care centers, residential facilities, shelter care facilities, child placing agencies, group homes and foster homes (48.48, 48.60, 48.62, 48.625 and 48.65, Wis. Stats.).

Permanency Planning. Each child must have a written case plan and an administrative or judicial review each six months, consistent with P.L. 96-272. Wisconsin Statutes also extend these protections to children placed by licensed, non-public agencies.

PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful only with prior order of circuit court based on review of an agency investigative report on the proposed adoptive placement. Birth parent(s) and prospective adoptive parents must each join in the petition for placement (48.837 Wis. Stats.). Interstate independent adoptions usually must be processed as agency to agency placements to meet specifics of Wisconsin law. If the sending entity is not an agency, they must provide legal documentation as to who has legal guardianship of the child during the adoptive process.

Adoption Petitions. Must be filed with the circuit court of the county where the child is (48.83 (1) Wis. Stats.). Six months of placement (except for stepparent, relative or certain foreign placements) are required before filing the petition (48.90 Wis. Stats.).

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Juvenile Compact. Contact: Lori Pendleton (608) 240-5931.

Mental Health Compact. Contact: Rod Miller (608) 266-2715.

Foster Care & Adoption Resources Center. A state wide resource center that provides information and services for prospective foster parents, adoption information for birthparents and prospective parents for all types of adoption, as well as recruitment and training assistance. Contact: www.wiadopt.org or 800/762-8063.

Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA). Wisconsin is a member of the Association of Administrators of ICAMA. Compact Administrator: Dale Langer (608) 266-3595. Compact Deputy for Social Services: Tammara LeMay (608) 266-0690. Compact Deputy for Medical Assistance: Angie Dombrowicki (608) 266-8532. Interstate referral forms may be routed to Karen Slaney, P. O. Box 8916, Madison, WI 53708-8916.

Protective Service Alerts. Child protective service alerts should be sent to Kathryn Thomas (608) 267-7181, DCFS/BPP, P.O. Box 8916, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8916. Requests are screened and forwarded to all WI county CPS intake units. Alerts received directly by the Wisconsin ICPC will be referred to the person above for screening and distribution to appropriate local agencies.

Child Abuse Hotline. Wisconsin has none. Abuse reports may be telephoned or sent to DCFS/BPP Receptionist (608) 266-3036 for assignment to a local agency. Abuse reports/referrals must have an address of the child or family in Wisconsin in order to refer the case to a local agency.

Child Abuse Central Registry. Inquiries about previous history of child abuse and neglect should be directed to the local county human or social services department in which abuse have occurred.

Special Adoption Information. Court termination of the parental rights of both parents is necessary prior to adoption of all types except for certain foreign placements. A preplacement adoptive home study is required before any adoptive placement. The study must be done by a licensed Wisconsin Child placing agency authorized to accept legal guardianship of a child, licensed under s.48.60, Wisconsin Statute. A declaration of paternal interest filed with the court entitles a putative father to notice of all matters regarding termination of parental rights and appointment of guardian (48.025(2), 48.84(3) Wis.Stats.). Non-residents may not finalization an adoption in the State of Wisconsin.

Residential Placements.

-Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: Residential facilities include group homes and licensed child caring institutions. All residential care facility placements except those specifically exempted by Article II(d) and VIII, require ICPC approval (48.60,48.62,48.63, Wis Stats.).

-Requirements for Placement: Include prior approval by a Wisconsin licensed facility and the ICPC administrator. Form ICPC-100A, cover letter indicating the present situation for initiating the possible placement of the child, child/family social history summary, current court order indicating jurisdiction. Financial-Medical plan for the child(ren), permanency plan and disposition order or consent decree and required for group home placements. For

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placement into a Wisconsin residential child caring institution, the 100A, child summary information including permanency plan, and a court order are required.

-Rate Setting: Done by each facility according to its program and the child's need. Sending agencies must negotiate with the facility for each child.

-Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility rests with the sending agency.

-Philosophy for Placement of Non-Resident Youth: The same as for residents. Placement must be appropriate to the child's needs in the least restrictive setting available.

Requirements for Foster Care Placements. Must include a permanency planning review, licensure of the home and placement by authorized person or agency (48.62 and 48.63, Wis. Stats.).

Placements of Adjudicated Delinquents. Proposed placements of juvenile delinquents into Wisconsin foster homes, group homes and residential treatment facilities are carefully reviewed prior to approval by the ICPC.

PAYMENTS

AFDC. None.

Kinship Care Payments. Kinship Care payments are available to an eligible child whose residence is in the State of Wisconsin. Such payments are not generally available to a child placed into Wisconsin whose care and custody is the responsibility of an out-of-state public or private child caring sending agency.

Medicaid Payments. Title IV-E children placed in other states receive the same benefits as those within the state.

Foster Care Payments. The Wisconsin Uniform Foster Care Rate is paid for children placed out of state by Wisconsin public agencies.

Special Education Costs. The responsibility of sending state.